

Clinical or Community Partnerships

San Jacinto College South ADN

The WorkSource H-GAC, Houston, TX

Texas Children's Hospital

The school partnered with The WorkSource (community agency) and Texas Children's Hospital under the loaned faculty program. Each semester, nursing programs submit their request for loaned faculty to the contact at The WorkSource. That information is shared with area hospitals who loan nursing staff, meeting faculty qualifications, to nursing programs to serve as clinical instructors.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: no cost

Grant monies used: no

Expected benefits from partnership:

- students are placed in the clinical setting with a qualified staff nurse with expertise in the clinical area
- nursing programs are able to accommodate more students by the addition of the loaned faculty

Challenges from partnership:

- timely sharing of information, a challenge which is being overcome through technology such as e-mail

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The Centralized Clinical Placement System is a partnership between a community agency (The WorkSource), the nursing program and area hospitals. The program centralizes, coordinates and streamlines the clinical placement process for hospitals and schools.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: \$975 per year

Grant monies used: no

Expected benefits from partnerships:

- helps to identify areas of untapped clinical placement capacity
- allows nursing programs to accommodate more students
- web-based program is available 24 hours a day
- nursing programs have more access to clinical placement venues

Challenges from partnership:

- transition from the current paper system to the web-based program
- initial input of the data is time intensive

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